

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Procurement of Agricultural Produce
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of suggestions made by the Union Government to the States whereby the farmers would be able to sell their produce directly to the consumers;
- (b) the action taken by the States thereon so far;
- (c) the extent to which the farmers have been successful in setting their produce directly to the consumers; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Government through Section 48 of the Model Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act, 2003 suggested States/ Union Territories (UTs) to establish farmer - consumer markets by any person where producer of agricultural produce himself may sell his produce directly to the consumer, provided consumer may not purchase more than 5 quintals of produce at a time.

Further, after establishing Kisan Mandi in Alipur (Delhi) with the Government's budgetary support to provide a direct trading platform for farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations, Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC) offered the States technical support, if they establish such markets in their States.

(b): On Government's suggestion, 16 States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and West Bengal) have amended their APMC Act to any person.

(c) & (d): Farmers are directly selling their produce to the consumers in already operational farmer-consumer markets like Uzhavar Sandhai (Tamil Nadu and Puducherry), Rythu Bazaars (Andhra Pradesh & Telangana), Apni Mandis (Punjab and Haryana), Krushak Bazaars (Odisha), Raiitha Santhe (Karnataka), Shetkaribazar and Hadaspar Vegetable Market (Maharashtra).

On the lines of farmers-consumer markets promoted by State Governments/APMCs, Government is also promoting such markets to be established in private sector. However, noticeable progress has not been made by the States in this respect.
